

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote, and pending that, I make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. MARTINI] will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GOSS) having assumed the chair Mr. LINDER, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2703) to combat terrorism, had come to no resolution thereon.

PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO  
OFFER AMENDMENT OUT OF  
ORDER DURING FURTHER CON-  
SIDERATION OF H.R. 2703, COM-  
PREHENSIVE ANTITERRORISM  
ACT OF 1995

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that during further consideration of the bill H.R. 2703, pursuant to House Resolution 380, I may be permitted to offer the amendment numbered 7 in House Report 104-480 out of the specified order and immediately following amendment No. 15.

I spoke with the ranking minority member about this, and he indicated that he would have no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

Mr. COLEMAN. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the gentleman from California a question, if I might, and I would be happy to yield to him for that purpose. As I understood the amendment, it was gone over because the gentleman was not ready for presentation at the time it came up; is that correct?

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. COLEMAN. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, the estimates we were given—they did not—a couple of amendments were dropped before us, and they did not hold a vote on one of them, so, yes, I was not here and I could not get over in time. I was here, but I just missed it by the time we got here.

Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, let me only ask one question that I had an interest in.

I do not know; it may have just been the analysis of the amendment that was in error, but I did not understand, and I just wanted to ask this one question, if I might, and I would like to not object because I think what happened to the gentleman happens to a lot of Members, and I think it is right for all

of us to try to accommodate them. But I certainly had a question with respect to the amendment with respect to a statement that I had read before. It said that before arresting individuals who had been reported as having been here illegally, State and local law enforcement agencies would have to confirm their status with the INS before arrest. Is that the gentleman's understanding of what the amendment reads?

Mr. DOOLITTLE. If the gentleman will yield further, they are authorized to arrest and detain, but only after they have obtained confirmation from the INS. So they would have to call into the INS and get their confirmation that indeed this person is a criminal alien.

Mr. COLEMAN. But, of course, that is before they are arrested. So a person could not even be detained while that is going on, is that the gentleman's understanding?

Mr. DOOLITTLE. If I may add, typically this situation arises when they have stopped an individual for a traffic offense, and in the course of running the check this pops up. So that is kind of the normal circumstance when it would occur.

Mr. COLEMAN. But of course that is not all circumstances.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to say to the gentleman, if the gentleman will help me answer that question during the time he has for the debate, I would not object because I think people ought to be entitled to offer their amendments that are made in order.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

MAKING IN ORDER ADDITIONAL  
TIME FOR DEBATE ON AMEND-  
MENT NO. 10 TO H.R. 2703, COM-  
PREHENSIVE ANTITERRORISM  
ACT OF 1995

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the Committee of the Whole resumes proceedings on the request for a recorded vote on the amendment which is the Watt-Chenoweth amendment, amendment No. 10, it may be first in order to debate the amendment for an additional 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by an opponent and a proponent of the amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEE IN  
LIEU OF CONFEE H.R. 956,  
COMMON SENSE PRODUCT LI-  
ABILITY AND LEGAL REFORM  
ACT OF 1995

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair appoints the gen-

tleman from Massachusetts [Mr. MARKEY] as conferee on the bill (H.R. 956) to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation, and for other purposes, to replace the gentleman from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN].

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will notify the Senate of the change in conferees.

COMPREHENSIVE ANTITERRORISM  
ACT OF 1995

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the House Resolution 380 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2703.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2703) to combat terrorism, with Mr. LINDER in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, a demand for a recorded vote on amendment No. 15 offered by the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. MARTINI] and on which the "ayes" prevailed by voice vote had been postponed.

Pursuant to the order of the House of today, it is now in order to consider amendment No. 7 printed in House Report 104-480.

AMENDMENT NO. 7 OFFERED BY MR. DOOLITTLE

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment No. 7 offered by Mr. DOOLITTLE:

Page 133, after line 17, insert the following new section (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

**SEC. 678. AUTHORIZING STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS TO ARREST AND DETAIN CERTAIN ILLEGAL ALIENS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, to the extent permitted by relevant State and local law, State and local law enforcement officials are authorized to arrest and detain an individual who—

(1) is an alien illegally present in the United States, and

(2) has previously been convicted of a felony in the United States and deported or left the United States after such conviction,

but only after the State or local law enforcement officials obtain appropriate confirmation from the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the status of such individual and only for such period of time as may be required for the Service to take the individual into Federal custody for purposes of deporting or removing the alien from the United States.

(b) COOPERATION.—The Attorney General shall cooperate with the States to assure that information in the control of the Attorney General, including information in the